



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia (HERDSA), the conference planning committee and our colleagues in the Queensland universities, I extend a very warm invitation to you to participate in the HERDSA 2011 Conference, **Higher Education on the Edge**. Our conference will be held at the Radisson Resort Gold Coast, Queensland Australia from July 4-7 2011.

The conference theme **Higher Education on the Edge** was chosen to reflect the edgy, uncertain and intellectually challenging times we face in higher education. Submissions are invited in the following research domains:

- Academic practice, work and identities
- Learning, teaching, assessment and curriculum
- Quality and standards in higher education
- Leadership, management, governance and policy in higher education
- Student pathways, experiences, expectations and outcomes

We have invited two influential international scholars with cutting edge research in the areas of academic identity and the academic workforce of the future: Professor Ann Austin, from Michigan State University and Professor Paul Trowler from Lancaster University in the UK. In addition, Dr Carol Nicoll, Chief Executive Officer of the ALTC, will share the ALTC's vision in the context of OECD initiatives and national and international higher education policy developments.

The Conference will provide a forum for the voices of academic staff, researchers and professional staff who find themselves at the front lines of a rapidly diversifying higher education workforce. Importantly, the 2011 Conference also aims to traverse some of the more traditional higher education boundaries by encouraging representation from colleagues in the vocational education and training sector, from schools and private providers, and from colleagues in business, industry and the private sector.

Senior institutional leaders and policy makers will play a pivotal role in our Conference as we consider both the policy and the practical implications of what it means to engage with higher education 'on the edge'. We encourage undergraduate and postgraduate students to participate as we explore the many significant changes in the student experience and academia.

We do hope you consider being part of this important conference at such a significant time in the history of higher education. I invite you to visit the conference website at:
<http://conference.HERDSA.org.au/2011/>

I would be most grateful if you would forward this information to colleagues who might be interested in attending this exciting event.

Kind regards

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